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## 190th hosts Armenian delegation

**By 1st Lt. Chris Hill**  
*190th Community Manager*

On Saturday, August 7, 2004 the 190th Air Refueling Wing hosted a delegation of Armenian officers and the Armenian ambassador to the United States at the unit's quarterly Commander's Call.

The delegation's visit was a result of the State Partnership program.

Kansas was officially matched with Armenia during the fall of 2003 and the partnership officially began in March of 2003. The Armenian military has asked Kansas to assist them in several areas: Peacekeeping Operations, Disaster Response, Emergency Management & Planning and Health & Medical. It is also a goal to work with other state partners in the region.

The mission of the State Partnership Program is to link National Guard states and territories with partner countries for the purpose of fostering mutual interests and establishing long-term relationships across all levels of society.

The Adjutant General of Kansas, Maj Gen Tod Bunting

recently visited Armenia along with a delegation from the Kansas National Guard. While in Armenia, General Bunting presented the Minister of Defense a proclamation declaring "Kansas Armenia Partnership Day," signed by Kansas Governor Sebelius.

During their visit, the General and the Kansas delegation met with key Armenian government officials in the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health and Emergency Management Administration.

The delegation also visited the V. Sargsian Military Institute, Armenian dairy farms, attended memorial ceremonies recognizing Armenia's victory in 1918 over Turkish invaders, and historical sites such as the Geghard Monastery, the St. Karapet Church and the Khor Virap Monastery.

While at the 190th, the delegation participated in the Wing Commander's Call, attended a senior staff briefing on the history and make-up of the 190th ARW and toured the Communication-Medical facility.



**Armenian delegation receives 190th memento**

The Armenian delegation receives a photo of a 190th ARW KC-135 refueling the Air Force Thunderbirds during the Wing Commander's call on August 7.

(photo by: Senior Airman Mandy Johnson)

# Just what is this "BRAC" thing?

**By Lt. Col. Chris Stratmann**

*190<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group*

Just what is this "BRAC" (Base Realignment and Closure) thing that you may have heard being talked about around the base lately? Many folks around the base have been intimately involved with this process for several months, but most of you haven't. I'll try to answer several of the questions you may have about it and explain what it has to do with us here at the 190<sup>th</sup>.

In 1990 Congress passed Public Law 101-510, The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act. The law's purpose was to create "...a fair process that will result in the timely closure and realignment of military installations inside the United States." The statute provided for the creation of a commission to determine which bases to close or realign based on DoD recommendations. Prior BRAC rounds occurred in 1991, 1993 and 1995. Twenty-two Air Force Bases have been closed to date through this process.

Public Law 107-107 authorized the 2005 BRAC round. The law called for the services to develop a force structure plan with military value being the primary evaluation factor when making selections for realignment or closure. The final selection criteria were published by the Secretary of Defense on February 12, 2004. The next major milestone occurs in May, 2005 when the Secretary must provide the commission his recommendations. The commission then has until Sep 8, 2005 to review and tailor if necessary those recommendations. After that, the President reviews the recommendations and accepts or rejects all or none. If he accepts them, he forwards the selections to Congress, which must act within 45 days. Congress also must accept or reject all recommendations.

In an effort to provide the BRAC commission with the most accurate picture of our installations possible, the Air Force created a program called the Web-based Installation Data Gathering and Entry Tool, or WIDGET. WIDGET is designed to allow the service to objectively gather data from each installation regarding capacity and military value. The Air Force issues "data calls" out to the installations and each uses the web-based WIDGET program to answer the associated questions. To date we have supplied information on well over 5000 data points in this effort. Several unit members have spent countless hours compiling this information and for that we all owe them our thanks. Joint Forces Headquarters and Wing leadership are also working constantly with local and state officials to extol the virtues of Forbes. Additionally, the state has hired a well-known lobbying firm to make certain the positive attributes of Kansas' military installations are identified and publicized.

So what does all this mean for us? Well, unfortunately it's impossible to say with a great deal of certainty. The published BRAC criteria can be considered open to interpretation. An installation with plenty of available space could be considered either under utilized and considered for closure, or could be an excellent place to expand operations. I will say however, that in several key areas Forbes looks to be in an extremely good position. Environmental issues pose no problems and we have virtually no encroachment concerns. We have outstanding facilities and our geographic location can be considered a great benefit.

I want to stress that there are several supposed "official lists"



**Lt. Col. Chris Stratmann**  
**Mission Support Group Commander**

floating around via e-mail and the internet. These are nothing more than some "expert's" analysis, or pundit's predictions. The official list of recommended closures and/or realignments does not come out from the Secretary of Defense until May, 2005.

Unfortunately, our number one asset is not considered in the BRAC process. That asset is our people; you. It needs to be stressed that BRAC is an installation issue only. The process does not directly close Wings, or reduce manpower. State and Wing leadership feel we stack up very competitively with other installations, but should DoD, the BRAC Commission, the President and Congress agree that it's in the best interest of the country to close Forbes, that certainly does not mean the end of the 190<sup>th</sup>. We'll cross that bridge when and if we come to it and handle it with the same dignity and professionalism we've always exhibited.

More on the BRAC process, including the selection criteria, can be found on the official DoD BRAC web page at: <http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/index.html>



# 190th deploys to Alpena for IGX

**By Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta**

*190<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs*

One hundred sixty-six members of the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing deployed to Alpena, Michigan, in order to participate in an Air Force Inspector Generals Exercise July 27 through July 31.

This graded exercise consisted of a simulated Air Expeditionary Wing deployment to Taegu Air Base, South Korea.

This unit was designated the 432 AEW, and was under the command of Col. Brian T. Kelly from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

The 432 AEW was an aerial refueling and airlift wing consisting of a mix of KC-135 air refueling tankers and Galaxy C-5 cargo aircraft.

The unit's membership consisted of Air Force active component service members as well as reserve and air guard forces representing 26 different wings.

"The biggest challenge from this exercise was setting up a functional base with flying operations in such a short time and with limited resources in a wartime setting," said Kelly.

Nineteen aircraft were used to fly in people and equipment in one day. As soon as people were processed they began setting up work areas and went immediately into 24-hour work operations.

The night shift worked 5:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. beginning the first day. Col. Deborah Rose, normally the 190 Air Refueling Wing's Vice Commander, served as the night shift System Resource Control commander.

Lt. Col. Chris Stratmann, the 190<sup>th</sup>'s Mission Support Group Commander, served in the SRC

with Col. Rose, along with many other 190<sup>th</sup> members.

The IGX graded service member's readiness in their work function, known as Unit Type Code, but has particular emphasis in grading ones work under the Ability to Survive and Operate, known as ATSO, prior to and during a chemical or biological attack.

"The grade is based upon both performing the mission capability and performing ATSO at the same time," said Rose.

"The UTC based IGX was developed in 1999 as an effort by the Air Mobility Command/Inspector General to decrease their footprint in each wing," she said.

With today's threat of chemical and biological weapons being used on the battlefield comes the increasing need to ensure service members are trained to survive and complete their mission.

The IGX focus for this exercise was to provide validation of our previous training in all areas of our ability to survive and operate. It is designed to measure our unit's ability to perform under those conditions.

Prior to deploying for this IGX, 190<sup>th</sup> ARW members prepared extensively to train-up for this inspection.

"I feel the preparation we did paid off," said Stratmann. "The Operations Readiness Exer-

cise to Savannah especially gave folks a glimpse of what to expect at the IGX."

"Everyone deserves congratulations for the effort they put forth," said Stratmann. "Master Sgt. Nichols and the Readiness folks did a great job of breathing life into a previously neglected area. As a result, the IG noted that overall our people were very strong in ATSO responsibilities."

Speaking of the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW's Readiness Flight, Rose said they "deserve special recognition. The wing could not ask for a better team." "They trained each wing member by developing training videos, and IGX simulations, worked hand-in-hand with CE Readiness personnel throughout the United States, and have written numerous pamphlets, all to insure we were ready."

"Hats off to all the members who deployed and a special thanks to all who worked the deployment issues," she said. "We could not have completed the mission without the support of the entire Wing."

"Job well done!" said Rose.



**IGX 2004**

An IGX participant takes position during one of the many exercises that occurred at Alpena CRTC during the 190<sup>th</sup>'s IGX last month.

(photo submitted)

## Hispanic heritage month: Sept 15 - Oct 15

**By Senior Master Sgt. Phil Mahan**  
*190<sup>th</sup> Human Resource Advisor*

In honor of the Hispanic celebration, it is appropriate to share some thoughts and information on this topic.

For many years, we have had immigrants come to Kansas to work and improve their lives and to seek the opportunity America has to offer. The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad line historically utilized these hard workers from Mexico. Others have come to America for work to improve their family's quality of life. While growing up in a small community north of Wichita, my Hispanic neighbor joined the U.S. Army and put his life on the line because

of his love for America, as many of our fellow guardsmen have done. It was not until after World War II that my neighbor finally gained his citizenship.

As a teacher, principal, and school superintendent for 30 years, I have had the opportunity to work with thousands of students from diverse backgrounds. I have been intimately involved in these children's lives and the lives of their families. While superintendent in a district where 60 percent of the student population was Hispanic, I witnessed that when one of their children had a school activity, the entire family participated. The core value they brought with them to this

country was that their family was very important. They value one another, and they support one another.

Let us celebrate Hispanic Heritage month by increasing our knowledge and understanding of some of the contributions Hispanics have contributed not only to our military, but to our country as a whole. We have great artists, musicians, and leaders with this heritage. Make it a personal goal to learn something new about the Hispanic Heritage this month. You will expand your knowledge and understanding—something that we need more of in this contemporary time in which we live!

## Guard Benefits

### Wildlife & Parks program offered to Kansas Guardsmen

A new program, created by the state legislature and administered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks (KDWP), to show the State's appreciation to its Citizen Soldiers, will kick off Jan. 1, 2005.

Active members of the Kansas Army and Air National Guard who are Kansas residents, will be

offered the opportunity to receive free Kansas hunting and fishing licenses, as well as free state park permits. This program was made possible by the FY2005 Appropriations Bill, passed by the

Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Under this program, Kansas Guardsmen will fill out a KDWP



application form and, depending on the particular licenses and/or state park permit they request, will include appropriate documentation and mail to KDWP.

"I am thrilled to see this program happen," said KDWP Secretary Mike Hayden. "On behalf of the Kansas Legislature, the Governor and the people of Kansas, we offer it in recognition of the Kansas National Guard's great service to the nation and state."

Application forms for 2005 licenses will be available in November and can be downloaded from the KDWP web site at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us). The forms must be signed by the member's unit commander and mailed to KDWP with photocopies of appropriate documentation.



# Annual Prayer Breakfast set for September 12

**By Chaplain (Capt) Brad Bray**  
*190<sup>th</sup> Chaplain Services*

The 190<sup>th</sup> ARW Annual Day of Prayer Breakfast will be at the Coyote Café on Sunday, September 12, 2004. Breakfast will begin being served at 0730. The program, which starts at 0800, will feature our special guest speaker, Rev. Michael Chamberlain, a retired Army Colonel and current Chaplain in the Kansas House of Representatives. "Ransomed Heart Band" will lead our music.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Rev. Chamberlain's self-awareness as a Kansan began when he was a youngster at Ft. Leavenworth where his father, a soldier, served for many years. Rev. Chamberlain followed his father in military service and completed a career of twenty-one years prior to retirement and entry into ministry studies at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. Rev. Chamberlain's service in the U.S. Army as an engineer officer and aviator took him throughout the

United States, Europe and Southeast Asia.

Rev. Chamberlain came to First Methodist Church in Topeka as associate pastor in 1996. He has served as Senior Pastor since 2000. His passion in ministry is for families and the blessings that come to them when they worship, study, pray and live faithfully with one another. His community involvement includes service as Chaplain to the Kansas House of Representatives since 2001 and participation on the Ethics Board of St. Francis Medical Center and the Community Advisory Board of Westar Energy.

We are very grateful to have Rev. Chamberlain as our guest speaker this year who will share how God has led him through his military career and current ministry!

Ransomed Heart Band (RHB), a Contemporary Christian Music band, will lead our musical entertainment.

God brought a group of seven future friends together who each had the talent and heart to serve the Lord. Within three days a CD was put

together. Since the creation of their first CD they have been playing at many youth events and churches in Topeka and the surrounding area.

RHB consists of members Luke Aadalen, Jeremiah Allen, Rick Boaldin, Kirk Bates, Jeremy Weber, Roy Tanner and Adam Aadalen. They come with great recommendation and we look forward to hearing their musical offerings!

Tickets for this event are \$2.00 each and can be purchased in your Orderly Room, the Chaplain's Office or at the door the day of the event! For more information contact the Chaplain's Office at 861-4001.



## Tech Sgt. Chris Davis



The 190<sup>th</sup> was saddened to learn of the death of Tech. Sgt. Christopher Davis on August 5, 2004.

Chris was born May 21, 1965 in Parsons, Kansas to Frank M. Davis, Sr. and Eileen Matzek Davis. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School in 1983. Chris was a member of the Knights of Columbus #2608. He served five years in the U.S. Air Force including a tour of duty in Korea. He has continued to serve his country as a Command Post Controller with the 190<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing.

Survivors include his daughters; Suzanne Nicole Davis, Sarah Marie Davis both of Bloomington, Ill son; Sean Michael Davis; Topeka, parents; Frank and Eileen Davis, Topeka, brother; Michael Lynn Davis, Topeka, sister; Nancy Adrienne Roberts and her husband Tim, Virginia Beach, VA, brother; Daniel Reed Davis, Lawrence, brother; Curtis Scott Davis, Lawrence, brother; Michael Joseph O'Connell, Olathe and eleven nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial occurred on August 10 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

*In coelo quies est*  
*"In Heaven there is rest"*

# Senior Airman Bailey Teske



**Organization:** 127 Weather Flight

**Job Title:** Meteorologist

**Main Responsibility:** Weather forecasting

**Civilian Career:** Student; Transferring from K- State to KU

**Education:** One half way through bachelor's degree

**Military Experience:** Basic Training and Meteorologist Tech School

**Goals and Ambitions:** To be a member of the Peace Corps

**Hobbies and Activities:** Anything to do with plants, trees or bugs.

**Most Memorable 190<sup>th</sup> moment:** During A.T. in June we were having a few very frustrating days but my friends and I really bonded during that time. I made lifelong friends there.

## FYI



### Services Flight Commander Vacancy

The 190<sup>th</sup> Services Flight has a [Traditional Services Commander vacancy](#). AFSC 34M1. This career field requires a 6-week school, to include 6 weeks at AMS if not currently commissioned.

For entry into this specialty, the following is mandatory: Undergraduate academic specialization is desirable in hospitality, restaurant and hotel management, recreation, fitness, business administration management, finance, accounting or public administration management.

If you are interested, submit your package to 190 MSF/DPMA, MSgt Janet Smith. The deadline for submitting packages is [September 30, 2004](#). If you have any questions, please call (785) 861-4135.

Officer package consists of: Resume, College Transcript (must have a 4 year degree), 3 Letters of Character Reference, \*AFOQT Scores, Record Review Rip (if currently in the military), DD 214 or NGB 22 (if prior service).

\*Prior to appointment processing the selectee must take and qualify on the Armed Forces Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT).

Must have or obtain a secret security clearance and meet all medical criteria.

**You're invited to join the 190th ARW  
to celebrate the promotion of  
Col. Kerry Taylor**



**Saturday, September 11  
1500 hours  
Coyote Cafe**

### Do you want to be a part of the Base Honor Guard ?

Requirements:

- Must be a member of the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW
- Must have attended Basic Military Training
- Able to perform Military Customs & Courtesies
- Able to lift 30-35 lbs
- Dependable and reliable
- Traditional / Technician / AGR



For more information contact: Major Doug Chase, Chief  
Dan Roush, MSgt Brett Carvell or SSgt Terry Ison

## Promotions

### SrA

Gregory Bender, CES  
Michael Schneider, Maint.  
Christopher Vansloten, Maint.



### TSgt

Leona J. Dennis, Logistics  
Christopher Gutierrez, Maint.  
Craig G. Schouboe, Maint.  
Marci D. Solander, Logistics



### SSgt

Daniel E. Davies Jr, Maint.  
Charity E. Gilliam, Maint.



### MSgt

Sherry L Hertlein, Medical



### Col

Kerry M. Taylor, Ops



## Top Achievers

### Williams receives Distinguished Graduate Honor

A1C Ryan Williams, 190th Maintenance Group, recently graduated from the Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice, Jet Engine Course with a 98.5 percent average

## Blast From the Past!

From the December 1983 issue of the "Kansas Coyote." The 190th scored a total of 3,359 out of a possible 4,000 and brought the "Saunders Trophy" back to Forbes after a 24 year absence (prior to 1983 the trophy was won by the Active Duty unit at Forbes AFB in 1959). The competition for the trophy included: orbit exercise, radar exercise, inertial navigation, celestial navigation and crew testing.



**TOP CREWS** — The 190th flight crews that brought the Saunders trophy home to Forbes in the 1983 SAC Bomb Comp are pictured above. (From left) SMSgt Mike Madden, Capt David Broyles, 1st Lt Keith Lang, Lt Col Larry Drury, Maj Wayne Rowell, Capt Tim Dearing, Capt Stephen Olinghouse, TSgt Chuck Hanna.

## Coyote Cafe Menu

### Saturday September 11

Beef Steak smothered w/onions  
BBQ Ham Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Alfredo Noodles  
Brussels Sprouts  
Corn  
Dinner Rolls  
Salad / Potato Bar

### Sunday Prayer Breakfast

Assorted Donuts  
Assorted Pastries  
Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon  
Biscuits and sausage gravy  
Assorted juices

### Sunday September 12

Braised Beef and Noodles  
Lemon Baked Fish  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Steamed Rice  
Vegetable Blend  
Peas  
Dinner Rolls  
Salad / Bar

### Hotel for September

Holidome

**Prayer  
Breakfast**

**12 Sep ~ 0700  
Coyote Cafe**

## 190th Chapel Services

Protestant: 0800 - 0830  
Latter Day Saints: 1100 - 1130  
Catholic: 1345 - 1415

The Base Chapel is located on the 3rd floor of Hangar 662.

## Do you have news to share?

The Coyote Log welcomes articles and captioned photos relevant to members and retirees of the 190th ARW. Submissions must be accurate in fact, and will be edited for clarity and length. Articles will be published as space permits.

The deadline for submission is Sunday of the UTA prior to the month the article will be published. Submit articles as e-mail attachments in Microsoft Word format. Photographs must be non-copyrighted prints or 300 dpi or higher TIF or JPG images. Articles and images should be sent to:

[coyotelog@kstope.ang.af.mil](mailto:coyotelog@kstope.ang.af.mil)

## B-Gate Open on UTAs

On UTA weekend's, Security Forces will open B-Gate from 0630 to 0730 hrs. If you work in or south of building 662, please use B-Gate. This will help alleviate congestion at the main gate.



## Parachute Shop Uniform Patch Sewing

Bldg. 665 ~ West Side Entrance

Business  
Hours:



UTAs:  
1400-1600 Hrs.  
Tuesday and Thursday  
1400-1600 Hrs.





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